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SUBJECT: AMERICAN ANANDA MARG MEMBERS IN INDIA

1. ON JULY 14, U.S. ANANDA MARG OFFICIAL TOM BAREFOOT CALLED AT DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS SITUATION OF AMERICAN ANANDA MARG MEMBERS STILL IN INDIA. BAREFOOT SAID HIS INFORMATION IS LARGEY BASED ON REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THREE MARG MEMBERS WHO RETURNED TO THE U.S. IN PAST FEW DAYS.

2. ACCORDING TO BAREFOOT, THERE ARE BELIEVED TO BE EIGHT U.S.-CITIZEN MARG MEMBERS IN INDIA AT PRESENT. SEVEN OF THEM HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN INDIA FOR SOME TIME; THE EIGHTH ARRIVED IN INDIA A FEW DAYS AGO--WITHOUT GOI KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MISSION--TO TRY TO LOCATE AND ASSIST IN THE EVACUATION OF AMERICAN MARGIS. BAREFOOT DECLINED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES BUT SAID HE MIGHT DO SO IN A FEW DAYS.

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3. THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION THAT BAREFOOT HAD WAS THAT

FOLLOWING THE JULY 4 GOI RAIDS ON MARG CENTERS AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN MEMBERS OF THE ANANDA MARG HAD FORMED INTO TWO GROUPS. ONE IS SAID TO BE HEADED FOR KATHMANDU; THE OTHER, FOR JAMALPUR, BIHAR.

4. BAREFOOT REQUESTED NO ASSISTANCE FROM US AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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